FRENCH ROCKS CIRCLE.

Proceedings of the Local Fund Board of the French Rocks Circle at a meeting held on the 31st of March 1896.

PRESENT.

P. Panchanatha Rao, Esq., *President.*

Official Members.

1 Thomas Inman, Esq., Executive Engineer, French Rocks Division.
2 Mr. D. Subba Rao, Dy. Amildar of Seringapatam *for Amildar.*
3 „ V. N. Guru Rao, Amildar of Mandya.
4 „ Hussen Ali Bèg, Amildar of Malvalli.
5 „ Khader Ali Khan, Amildar of Nagamangala.
6 „ Venkat Rao, Amildar of Krishnarajpete.

Non-Official Members.

1 Mr. Ramanna of Mandya.
2 „ Mallappa of Malvalli.
3 „ Krishnappa of Krishnarajpete.
4 „ Garudachar of Nagamangala.
5 „ Govindappaiengar, Inamdar.

ABSENT.

Official Member.

1 The Civil Surgeon of Mysore.

1. Read docket No. 111 of the 30th August 1895, from the Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District with Subject No. 564 of the Representative Assembly 1894, *anent*—(1) the extension of Maddur-Koppa road to Nagamangala and (2) widening the Bridge over the Kadamba River near Maddur.

With regard to the first question, the Board resolved that it is not advisable to spend any money on it. For there is very little traffic going on at present, and it is not expected that it would increase even if the road is opened. There are already cart-tracks all over for the convenience of the inhabitants of that part. Further, the Board is not in a condition to spare funds on such works.

As regards the second question Mr. Inman, the Executive Engineer, explained that the bridge can be widened by building piers upon projecting down stream cut waters and throwing independent arches close alongside the existing arches connecting them after settlement by means of stone slabs. Thus the cart traffic way will be brought to the width of about 17 feet. And he also said that the work may cost about fifty thousand rupees. The expenditure required for the work, though an useful one, being too heavy, the Board expressed its inability to undertake it and was of opinion that reference may be made to Government to have the work carried out from Provincial Funds.

2. Read docket No. 233 of the 27th ultimo, from the Executive Engineer of French Rocks Division, *anent* repairing the damaged portion of the Yediyur-Tiptur road in the Nagamangala Taluk.

Approved that the work be carried out by the re-appropriation of District Fund grants of the current year, as no separate fund is available for it.

3. Read docket No. 965 of the 9th ultimo, from the Chief Engineer to the address of the Executive Engineer, about making good the damage caused by heavy rains on the French Rocks Station Nelligere road.

Resolved.—that for want of funds, the work be held over till next year.

4. Read Government Proceedings No. 2101-12—L. F. 379-92 of the 12th August 1895, on the subject of entrusting the supervision of small public works to Non-official members. The President explained to the non-official members the opinion and object of the Chief Engineer and Government on the subject in hand. The members after discussion did not come to a fair conclusion. Three of them, Messrs. Krishnappa, Garudachar and Ramanna declined to take up the responsibility, as they said, on various grounds. Mr. Mallappa of Malvalli said that he would superintend works in the whole Taluk, and Mr. Govindappaiengar, the Inamdar member, agreed to superintend works within a distance of three miles from his residence.

Resolved.—that a trial may be given in the Taluks of Malvalli and Nagamangala.

5. Read paragraph 3 (*b*) of Government Proceedings No. 10416-8—L. F. 147-94 of the 11th March 1896, disallowing the pay of a Native Pandit provided in the current year's Supplemental District Fund Budget.

Resolved.—that for reasons stated therein, Government be requested through a separate communication to sanction the amount.

6. Read statements of Receipts and Expenditure up to end of February 1896.

In the statement of expenditure from Department Public Works there was an item of Rs. 282-6-8 shown as expended without any appropriation sanctioned for the same. The Executive Engineer said that that sum was spent for the repairs of the Palahalli-Kalasavadi road on the occasion of the visit of His Excellency the Viceroy to Seringapatam. The work, being an urgent one was carried out and the necessary estimate or bill will be made out shortly and sanction obtained. He stated that the road is a District Fund road, and as such, the amount spent on it should be charged to District Funds. The President remarked that there is no reason why the amount in question should be paid from District Funds even if the road is maintained by it. The work was carried out in connection with the visit of His Excellency the Viceroy, and apart from it, there seemed to have existed no necessity for special repairs.

Resolved.—for the above reason, that no sum be paid from District Funds for the work in question.

P. PANCHANATHA RAO, *President.*